
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5494 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

SUMMARY:

By law, UConn's 21-member Board of Trustees (BOT) must have two student members, one undergraduate and one graduate, elected by their respective student bodies. This bill adds an undergraduate student alternate to the BOT, elected by UConn undergraduates in a manner the BOT determines. The undergraduates must elect an alternate member on or before July 1, 2016 and biennially thereafter. The alternate must remain enrolled at UConn for the duration of the term.

The bill allows the alternate to participate in BOT meetings and assigns him or her to the same board subcommittees as the undergraduate member. It allows the alternate to vote in place of the member when (1) the member is absent when the vote is taken or (2) the member vacates his or her position, until the vacancy is filled. By law, vacancies in the elected student positions are filled by special election for the balance of the unexpired term.

The remaining BOT membership consists of 12 gubernatorial appointees, two elected alumni representatives, and five ex-officio members (the governor; UConn Health Center Board of Directors chairperson; and commissioners of agriculture, education, and economic and community development).

*House Amendment "A" adds the provisions on the alternate's meeting participation, subcommittee assignments, and voting rights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)